

Post-Office Notifications:

A mail will close
 For Shanghai, Per Amoy, to-day, the 15th inst., at 1.30 p.m.
 For Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta—Per Amoy, to-day, the 15th inst., at 2.30 p.m.
 For Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta—Per Amoy, to-day, the 15th inst., at 3.30 p.m.
 For Shanghai, Per Amoy, to-day, the 15th inst., at 3.30 p.m.
 For Amoy, Per Penang, on Monday, the 17th inst., at 4.30 p.m.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES
PACKET.
 The United States' Mail Packet **OHINA** will be despatched on MONDAY, the 17th inst., at 5 p.m., with the Mail—
 For Korea, Japan, and the United States, and the United Kingdom.
 The Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Books, Newspapers, &c., on MONDAY, the 17th inst., at 10 a.m.
 Letters can be posted on board the Packet from 2.30 p.m. to 2.55 p.m., on payment of the Late Post of 13 cents in addition to the Postage.
 The prepayment of the Postage to all the above places, and the receipt is compulsory.
 Correspondence insufficiently prepaid will be forwarded by the English Packet.

UNITA, and that addressed to the United Kingdom must be superscribed "via

ALFRED LESTER,
Postmaster-General
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 13th January, 1876.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.
The English Continents Packet KASGAH
will be despatched with the Mails for Europe,
&c., on **THURSDAY**, the 20th instant.

The following will be the towns of loading for the
Mails for Europe, &c., on **THURSDAY**, the 20th
instant, 19th instants,

5 P.M. Money Order Office closes.
6 P.M. Post Office closes except the **THURSDAY**
Box, which remains open all night.

THURSDAY, 19th instants,

5 A.M. Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Post-
ing of all correspondence.
6 P.M. Post Office closes except for Letters
to Letters. Registry of Letters closes.

10.15 A.M. Letters may be posted on payment
of a **LATE FINE** of 18 cents extra
Postage, until

11 A.M. when the **POST OFFICE CLOSURES**
entirely.

11.30 A.M. Letters (but Letters only) address-
ed to the United Kingdom *via* **Brisbane**,
Singapore may be posted on
board the **Packet** on payment of a

11.60 A.M., Posting on Board caases.
ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster-General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 7th January, 1876.

MAILS BY THE FRINCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet *MAZOTE* will be despatched on **THURSDAY**, the 27th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom via Remonic, to Singapore, Siam, Singapore, Ceylon, Australia and New Zealand, Aden, Seychelles, Rennon, Mauritius, Suva, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails:

Wednesday, 26th inst.
5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 27th inst.
7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M., Letters to Kingdom caases.

11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Lat. Letters.

11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom or to Singapore, may be posted by payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage.

1.130 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSSES
entirely.

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster-General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 13th January, 1878.

His Excellency Governor Sir ANTHUR ED-
WARD KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., O.B., is pleased to
advise that the Rates of Postage chargeable on
Letters and Parcels sent in French Packet shall be
increased as follows, viz.:

To or from Ports of North-
west China and Japan...to 8 cents per 4 oz.
To India, Ceylon, Siam,
Fondicherry, and Aden to 12 cents per 4 oz.

Arrangements have been made for the Regi-
stration of Correspondence exchanged between
the United States of America and this Colony
by Profilo Mail Packets of the Occidental and
Oriental Steam Ship Company.

The Registration Fee is 8 cents for each
letter, over and above the Postage. This fee,
however, is not payable for the above-named
Letters.

No letters can be Registered after 2 P.M. on
the day of departure of the Mail.

The Post Office of Victoria (Australia), having
given notice to the General Post Office in Lon-
don that articles of Jewellery received in that

undersigned considers it necessary to make
Regulation known to the Public, and
that any letters or packets contain

The Postmaster at San Francisco has given notice that letters despatched from this Colony whether through the Post Office, or as consignees' letters) by the United States Mail packets, will not be forwarded to any places out within the United States unless the proper

American Postage Stamps, but will be returned to this Office.

Such letters should either be prepaid in both directions, or be sent by the *American*, or be entrusted to an Agent in the United States.

This notice chiefly applies to the following Companies, the *American* rates of Postage to which are as follows:—

	LETTERS.	NEWS- PAPERS.	BOOKS.
	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
Canada.....	6 per 4 oz.		4 per 4 oz.
England.....	15 3 oz.		
France.....	10 3 oz.		10 per 4 oz.

Correspondence for New Zealand via Torres Straits.

A considerable amount of Correspondence being carried direct to New Zealand via Torres Straits it is notified that the New Zealand Post Office has declined to receive Mails from that route, hence there is no alternative but to send all Correspondence via Cello.

Persons who are anxious to transact the Torres Straits Steamers to communicate with New Zealand should address their letters, &c., to the care of an Agent at Sydney.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Post Office not sealed, that is to say, the box is stowed with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.

The attention of holders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with wax so recognizable and, of sending a Certificate of receipt with them. The omission of either precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the contents of the boxes were sent from the Office; the consequence is that either part of them might not have been ab-

It is not generally possible to count the letters in sealed boxes (except where there are no seals or fastenings) and therefore the Postage must be taken at such arbitrary rates as follow:—

For London, 15 p.	for Calcutta, 3 s.	for Penang, 5 s.
for Singapore,	must be taken to mean no more than what is stated, viz., that one box was duly delivered.	

Postage on Correspondence forwarded by private Ship to the Straits Settlements must be paid at the following rates, viz.:—

or Letters,.....	3 cents per 4 ounces.
or Papers,.....	" each
or Books,.....	" "
and Parcels of.....	6 " for each ounce.

Packets.....
The registration fee on such correspondence is five cents for each Letter, Paper or

